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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY TELEPHONED ME MORNING MARCH 12
TO REPORT THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SHAH (WHO IS STILL IN
SOUTHERN IRAN) CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA. HE
SAID SHAD HAD AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH
WOULD WELCOME SIAD BARRE'S DECISION AND CHARACTERIZE IT AS
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A "POSITIVE AND USEFUL STEP".

2. STATEMENT WOULD ALSO CALL FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
EITHER UNDER AUSPICES OF OAU OR UN TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEM, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS
FROM EHTIOPIA.

3. KHALATBARY ALSO SAID SHAH WISHED ME TO BE INFORMED THAT, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SOUTHERN IRAN ON MARCH 19, HE HAD RECEIVED SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD ASKED FOR AUDIENCE TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA. ACCORDING TO SHAH, SOVIETS ARE PROPOSING THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE UNDER AUSPICES OF OAU TO DISCUSS "SOLUTION TO PROBLEM". KHALATBARY SAID HE DID NOT HAVE FURTHER DETAILS OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH SHAH.
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